

## CONSTABLE GETS TWELVE MONTHS

Jury Finds Thomas A. Davis  
Guilty of Assault on Motor-  
man Throckmorton.

### MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL

Accused Officer on Stand in Own  
Defense Tells Story of  
Fair Oaks Row.

Constable Thomas A. Davis, of Henrico County, was yesterday sentenced in Henrico Circuit Court to serve twelve months in jail for assaulting Motorman N. Throckmorton, of the Richmond and Appomattock River Railway Company, in a row between county officers and car men, which occurred at Fair Oaks on the night of Saturday, December 14.

Attorney James T. Lewis and James R. Russell representing the constable, immediately moved that the verdict be set aside as contrary to law and evidence and that a new trial be granted the defendant. Judge Scott continued argument on the motion until January 18.

In the meantime Davis appeared before Clerk of the Court Samuel P. Waddill and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$1,500. Special Policeman W. C. Vincent, stepfather of the condemned man, stood security for his appearance on the date set.

Davis took the stand in his own defense at the close of the trial yesterday and told a story that made it appear he had only struck the motorman after the latter had made the famous "hip pocket movement." Davis said Throckmorton's overcoat was unbuttoned and that his pistol could have been easily drawn. Other witnesses stated that the motorman's overcoat was closely buttoned and that he wore his mitts.

**Origin of Trouble.**  
The row in which the blow was given resulted from Conductor Couch's interference to stop a friendly brawl between Davis and a negro named Ed Morris on the rear platform of an empty seven wheels car. Davis replied, it was said, in abusive language, and the conductor called him a liar.

Davis told Couch that he would not repeat the epithet on the ground. The car was then almost at Fair Oaks, and when the railroad crossing was reached Davis got off, presumably to go to his home nearby. Couch also got down to flag the railroad crossing, and the two grappled. Davis said Couch caught him from behind and that his own part in the scrap was a passive one. Policeman Vincent placed the two under arrest.

Throckmorton came back to see what was up and told Vincent he could not take Couch off the car until the run was completed. Vincent replied that if Throckmorton interfered his own arrest would follow, and on further remonstrance took the motorman into custody.

Vincent, turning Davis and Couch over to Policeman Andrew West, who accompanied the party, took charge of the motorman. All of the witnesses testified that Throckmorton was a docile prisoner, but Vincent is said to have called for help. Hearing the cry, Davis, it was said, escaped from West's home two carful guard and ran up to Vincent and his prisoner. Davis said he struck Throckmorton over the head twice with the trigger guard of his pistol. The reason for his act he gave as the motorman's motion toward his hip pocket. The second blow crushed Throckmorton's skull.

**West Afraid of Davis.**  
In explanation of the fact that Davis's pistol was not taken from him after his arrest, Policeman West admitted, under cross-examination by Harry M. Smith, Jr., appearing with Commonwealth's Attorney Sutton, that he was a little afraid to disarm the officer. No attempt was made either by Vincent or West, it was said, to take charge of the gun.

The officers again admitted that they had a few drinks, Davis giving himself credit for three and West and Vincent for two each. They denied any preconcerted arrangement to carry out the affair as executed.

Mr. Smith opened the argument for

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the Commonwealth. Attorneys Russell and Lewis spoke for the defendant, and Mr. Sutton closed the case. The jury was out only half an hour.

## THEY WILL VISIT CORN EXPOSITION

Wilson and Members of Agricultural Committee Going to Columbia.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Washington, January 9.—George H. Stevenson, secretary and general manager of the National Corn Exposition, which is to hold its fifth annual meeting in Columbia, S. C., January 27-February 8, was here today and, with Representative A. F. Lever, extended an invitation to Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, and the entire Agricultural Committee of the House of Representatives, to visit the exposition on "Boss Day," February 1.

Both the Secretary and the committee accepted this invitation.

The acceptance of this invitation by the Secretary of Agriculture is, in itself, a fact of large significance, and his visit to South Carolina, supplemented by that of the entire Agricultural Committee of the House, under the auspices of such an agricultural institution, means that this will be the greatest gathering in the interest of agriculture in the history of the country.

This is the first time in the history of Congress that the Agricultural Committee, as a whole, has accepted such an invitation, and on this date the exposition and State will have as their guests the Cabinet officer of a great department of the government, and a committee of Congress, whose personnel, coming from all sections of the nation, represents every phase of agriculture. The committee will welcome this opportunity to view the National Corn Exposition as an institution, dealing with the fundamental agricultural problems of the nation, and also the opportunity to get in close touch with the more advanced work of the various State institutions which will there be represented.

**Supreme Court Proceedings.**  
United States Express Co. vs. City of Portsmouth. Argued by Thomas W. Shelton for appellants and submitted. Decided at 10:15 a. m. by Williams et al. Confirmed.

**Northern Neck State Bank vs. Gilbert Packing Co.** Argued by J. W. Chalmers for appellants and by W. T. Stratten for appellees. Decided at 10:15 a. m. by Williams et al. Confirmed.

Cases to be called to-day:

The Savings Bank of Richmond vs. Todd et al. et al. vs. Bernard et al. Morris, by et al. vs. Bernard et al. Stratten's Administrator vs. New York Life Insurance Co. McKee vs. Bunting-McNeal Real Estate Co.

## MESSAGE IS READ TO LEGISLATURE

Governor Kitchin Makes Many  
Recommendations to Gen-  
eral Assembly.

### MUST PROVIDE FOR DEFICIT

Joint Resolution Introduced for  
Appropriation of \$5,000 to Fight  
Rate Discriminations.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Richmond, N. C., January 9.—Governor Kitchin's message to the General Assembly transmitted this morning was a feature both in the Senate and House to-day. As to anti-trust legislation, he urges enactment of a subsection making unlawful any "contract or combination to form a trust or otherwise, or conspire with any other person, firm, corporation or association, in restraint of trade, commerce or manufacture in this State." Also "for any person, firm or corporation or association to monopolize, or attempt to monopolize, or combine or conspire with any other person, corporation or association to monopolize any part of trade, commerce or manufacture in this State."

He recommends a rural credit system for North Carolina, and the sending of two delegates to Europe to investigate the provision of funds for counsel and other aid for the Corporation Commission in fighting for elimination of freight rate discriminations in interstate business against North Carolina points, the converting of the present penitentiary building into use for the State School for the Blind and use of the State farm for receiving State convicts along with a system of working able-bodied convicts on public roads.

He also recommends State aid for counties in road building through the issuing of State bonds to take over county bonds so that they will liquidate within forty years; a general search and seizure law for aiding prohibition enforcement; legalized primary system; traveling auditors for equalizing tax assessments the State over, and the Governor he given the veto power. He would have the Legislature provide for the \$250,000 deficit in the State treasury and see that the "armament is not according to the cloth" in appropriations at this session. He believes there are two billions of dollars worth of taxable property in the State, and yet only about one-third of that amount is on the tax rolls.

He recommends that the railroad companies be required to draw mileage in the trains again; that there be a State inspection of factories as to the observance of child labor laws; that four additional judges be provided and that the judicial districts be created; that the rate of insurance be lowered; and that the operation of the Southeastern Railway Association.

Bellamy, of Brunswick, introduced a bill in the House to establish a State commission to have in hand the regulation of automobiles and other motor vehicles, as suggested in the recommendations of Governor Kitchin and Secretary of State Bryan.

Representative E. J. Justice, of Guilford, offered a joint resolution declaring the views of the General Assembly with reference to interstate passenger and freight rates and charges, and for other purposes, which set out that in the view of the General Assembly Congress should declare illegal, under any and all circumstances, any greater charge by any public service corporation for transporting passengers or freight of any given kind and quality shorter distance than is charged for transporting the same a longer distance in the same direction, when the shorter haul is included in the longer; that Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State be requested and urged to support a bill repealing the first and second provisions to section four of the Interstate Commerce act, that pending the enactment in law by Congress of these principles this State press before the Interstate Commerce Commission objections to the injustice of allowing such discriminations against North Carolina points, and that the Governor, as well as the Corporation Commission, have power to institute and prosecute cases before the Interstate Commerce Commission for relief to the people in this respect in co-operation with or independent of the Corporation Commission and for this purpose \$5,000 a year be appropriated.

## THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Fair Friday and Saturday; moderate east to southeast winds. North and South Carolina—Fair, slightly warmer Friday; Saturday fair; moderate east winds.

**Special Local Data for Yesterday:**  
12 noon temperature ..... 52  
5 P. M. temperature ..... 52  
Maximum temperature up to 8 P. M. .... 52  
Minimum temperature up to 8 P. M. .... 38  
Mean temperature ..... 45  
Normal temperature ..... 45  
Deficiency in temperature since March 1 ..... 6  
Excess in temperature since March 1 ..... 0  
Accum. excess in temperature since January 1 ..... 97  
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1 ..... 5.29  
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1 ..... 1.70  
**Local Observations 8 P. M. Yesterday:**  
Temperature ..... 52  
Humidity ..... 66  
Wind-direction ..... N.E.  
Wind-velocity ..... 10  
Weather ..... Clear

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.			
(at 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)			
Place.	Ther.	W. T.	Weather.
Asheville	52	28	Clear
Atlanta	58	42	Cloudy
Atlantic City	38	22	Clear
Boston	22	14	Clear
Buffalo	24	16	Clear
Calgary	10	-4	Clear
Charleston	50	44	Cloudy
Chicago	21	15	P. cloudy
Detroit	14	28	Clear
Denver	20	12	Cloudy
Galveston	42	24	Cloudy
Hatteras	48	42	Clear
Havre	18	-10	Cloudy
Jacksville	22	16	Rain
Kansas City	26	20	Clear
Louisville	31	28	Clear
Memphis	32	24	Cloudy
New Orleans	48	38	Cloudy
New York	28	22	Clear
Norfolk	34	28	Cloudy
Oklahoma	24	18	Clear
Pittsburgh	24	18	Clear
Raleigh	31	28	Clear
St. Louis	28	22	Cloudy
St. Paul	22	18	Clear
Savannah	48	40	Cloudy
Spokane	28	20	Cloudy
Tampa	66	64	Clear
Washington	28	24	Clear
Winnipeg	14	-4	Clear
Wytheville	20	18	Clear

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## News of South Richmond

### YOUTHFUL ELOPERS CAUGHT

Girl in Turned Over to Parent, But Boy Must Face Court.

Romance was nipped in the bud and lover's young dream rudely shattered yesterday when the long arm of the law descended upon pretty Lizzie Reichmiller, a sixteen-year-old niece of a Richmond merchant, and a sixteen-year-old Joe Coplan, son of a Richmond merchant, who, after eluding their parents, were finally caught in Petersburg, where they had fondly hoped to become man and wife. The credit for the capture goes to Officer W. E. Waymack, of the Third District, who, with only a meagre description of the youthful elopers, recognized the pair as they sped through the city in an electric car bound for the Cockade City. He immediately telephoned the Petersburg authorities and the young couple was taken into custody as they stepped from the car. Both were brought back last night by Officer Waymack.

Miss Reichmiller was turned over to her half-distracted father for parental correction. He probably had intended, however, being detained upon a more serious charge. He is accused of stealing \$200 from his father. When arrested \$125 was found on his person. He will appear in the Juvenile Court this morning.

### CRUSHED BETWEEN CARS

Negro Trys to Steal Ride and is Mashed by Passing Car.

Howard Reed, colored, twenty-two years old, was probably fatally injured yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock when he was crushed between two passing cars at Fifteenth and Hull streets. His arm was badly mangled and it is feared that he has sustained internal injuries. He was taken to the City Hospital, where an operation was performed.

The accident occurred before a large number of persons who were on the street.

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### COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS

Chesterfield Teachers Will Be Addressed by A. C. Chandler To-Day.

Full arrangements for the entertainment of the visiting Chesterfield County public school teachers have been completed by Superintendent William G. Owens. The pedagogues will assemble this morning in the auditorium of the John Marshall High School. Addresses will be made by Governor Mann, who will speak on the teacher's opportunity, and Dr. Ennion G. Williams, of the State Health Department, who will discuss the importance of proper sanitation in the schools. Mrs. R. B. Munford, president of the Co-operative Educational Association, and Jackson Davis, of the department, will talk to the teachers concerning civic leagues and mothers' clubs. R. C. Stearns, Superintendent of Public Instruction, will make his initial address before the meeting.

Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, superintendent of the city schools, will welcome the visitors, and will co-operate with the Chesterfield superintendent in making the occasion one of profit and pleasure.

**In Police Court.**  
Willie Jones, the twelve-year-old colored boy, who is charged with a serious crime against a fifteen-year-old girl, was taken yesterday for arraignment in Police Court, Part II, January 21. The preliminary hearing was continued because of the condition of the girl.

W. A. Rowe was arrested yesterday morning on a charge of being drunk.

**High Rents Stunt Growth of City**  
Retail Merchants to Aid Chamber of Commerce in Solving Housing Problem.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Retail Merchants' Association, held last night, approval was given to the ordinance proposed by the Board of Police Commissioners limiting the number of pawnbrokers to six. The secretary was directed to send a copy of the resolutions adopted to the Police Board and to the City Council.

Reports presented last night show the Retail Merchants' Association in excellent shape, its credit bureau having largely increased its usefulness to members during the year.

Among the plans for the coming year discussed was a co-operative movement with the Chamber of Commerce in a plan for erection of houses for workmen to reach the high rent problem. The chamber is already moving in this direction, having found the lack of housing facilities for working people one of the obstacles to inducing manufacturing plants to locate here, and the retail merchants believe that this work will benefit them in the long run, agreed to aid the chamber in its efforts.

A dinner meeting of the association is to be arranged late this month, at a time and place to be selected by the entertainment committee, of which Carl Roschen is chairman.

Resolutions were adopted asking the City Council to provide funds this year for continuation of the annual paving of Broad Street. The \$25,000 appropriated last year provided for the repaving of approximately seven blocks and the association asks that at least as much more be undertaken this year.

Resolutions were also adopted asking the City Council to provide ornamental sidewalk lights on Main Street from Fifth to Seventeenth and on Seventh, Eighth and Ninth streets, similar to those on Broad Street.

He was placed under the sheltering wing of the probation officer. W. H. Dunivant, a hattermaker, was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging him with breaking a large glass in the store of J. J. Fletcher while under the influence of liquor.

### Social Meetings To-Day

Whatsoever Circle, King's Daughters, will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. W. F. Rudd on Cowardin Avenue.

A social meeting of the Industrial Chapter of the Men's Memorial Episcopal Church will be held to-night at the home of Mrs. A. Clarence Atkins on Porter Street.

An entertainment will be given to-night in the auditorium of the Porter Street Presbyterian Church, under the auspices of the Gleaners' Society.

### Personal Mention

Miss Rebecca Germond, who has been visiting Miss Bernice Kelly, has returned to her home in Alexandria.

Miss Bernice Shipley, of Baltimore, who has been the guest of Miss Verne Blankenship, has returned to her home.

Mrs. C. W. Lee and Mrs. Charles Van Story and children, of Greensboro, N. C., are visiting relatives here.

Miss Gladys James, of Crows, is visiting Miss Gladys Robertson, of McDonough Street.

## ANOTHER MOVE IN MONTICELLO ROW

Mrs. Martin Littleton Sends Out Handsome Pictures of Thomas Jefferson's Home.

To keep green the year around the fight for public ownership of Thomas Jefferson's home, "Monticello," Mrs. Martin Littleton, wife of the New York Congressman, has gotten out a very handsome calendar bearing a striking view in colors of the Jefferson place, and a few words of wisdom. Printed at the top of the calendar are the lines, "Compliments of Mr. and Mrs. Martin W. Littleton, Washington, D. C.," and below the picture, "Monticello," Thomas Jefferson's home. The common heritage of the common people.

While in sympathy with the spirit, but not the method of the movement, Governor Mann has decorated the mantle of his executive office in the State Capitol with one of these calendars. Although turned down by the House of Representatives in her campaign to have "Monticello" condemned, and then acquire by the national government, Mrs. Littleton declares that her fight has just begun, and that she will not halt until the home of Thomas Jefferson has been taken out of private hands and become the property of the people.

### Pinched for Disorder

T. W. Webster was arrested yesterday by Traffic Officer Hill for being drunk and disorderly and interfering with persons in the street.

### Reappoints Jail Commissioners

Judge D. C. Richardson in the Hustings Court yesterday reappointed Dr. J. P. Roy, T. D. Newell and W. S. Gunn as jail commissioners. They were instructed to make the usual examination of the jail and report to the court.

Read "A January Suggestion to Far-Sighted Business Men" — in this week's Saturday Evening Post

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